

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-101 were previously pending, of which non-elected claims 20-101 were withdrawn following the restriction requirement of the Examiner; applicant now cancels these non-elected claims while reserving the right to file one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Claims 1-4 have been cancelled.

Claim 5 has been amended.

Claims 13 and 19 have been amended to address a mere matter of formality and to specify more clearly that which was already implicit within the claim.

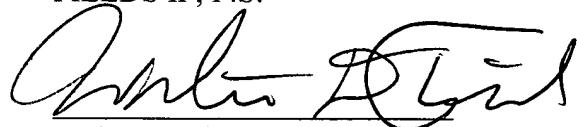
Claims 5-19 now remain in this application.

Applicant acknowledges the Examiner's conditional allowance of claims 5-19 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. Applicant has rewritten claim 5 to be in independent form and to include the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 5 is now allowable. Likewise, it follows that dependent claims 6-19 also are allowable at least for reason of being dependent on an allowable base claim.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, applicant requests the allowance of claims 5-19 and the same for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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